

1 ***Regular Minutes for March 7, 2005***

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3 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
4 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:34pm*
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6 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Dwarica,*
7 *Councilwoman Heveran, Councilwoman Mitrani, Councilman*
8 *Puzzo, Councilman Ryan,*
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10 ***Council Absent:*** *none*
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12 ***Also Present:*** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo, Borough Attorney,*
13 *Victoria Miragliotta, Borough Administrator*
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15 Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.
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17 Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Councilman President led in the
18 Pledge of Allegiance.
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20 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**
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22 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
23 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
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25 **PRESENTATIONS**
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27 Mr. Lou Luglio, 160 Hillcrest Avenue, - Mr. Luglio gave an overview of the proposal
28 from Vollmer Associates to do a traffic study in the area of Lakeview Avenue.
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30 **Timothy Henderson, Tax Assessor** gave a presentation to the Council. Mr. Henderson
31 explained the difference between doing a reassessment and revaluation. (Mr. Henderson's
32 report is attached to the Minutes.) It is Mr. Henderson's recommendation that Borough
33 do a reassessment.
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35 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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37 February 7, 2005 Council Meeting Minutes; a motion was made by Councilwoman
38 Dwarica seconded by Councilman Puzzo to approve the minutes of February 7, 2005.
39 Mayor Cherchi had a correction on page 1, line 35 remove "and one way from Eastview
40 to Broad Avenue." Mayor Cherchi also had a change on line 34; change from Grand to
41 Broad Avenue to "Eastview to Broad Avenue."
42 All Council Present voted yes. Minutes approved.
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44 February 23, 2005 Council Meeting Minutes; a motion was made by Councilwoman
45 Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt the minutes of February 23, 2005.
46 Councilwoman Dwarica had one change on line 257, "Burgiss should have only one "s."

47 All Council present voted yes. Minutes approved.

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49 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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51 Shirley Manuel, 140 Overlook, asked about possibly installing stops lights on Grand
52 Avenue and Broad Avenue.

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54 Anne Williams, 119 Eastview, inquired if the assessment for homes had fallen below
55 70%. The Borough Administrator said we had received a County tax Board Order to do
56 the revaluation, and the formulas were on the documents and Leonia was below the
57 appropriate number.

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59 Charlotte Mager, 142 Lakeview Ave. would also like stop lights installed.

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61 **RESOLUTIONS**

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63 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica to
64 approve Resolutions 05-74 through 05-77 and Resolutions 05-79 through Resolution 05-
65 86. Resolution 05-78 was held for discussion in Closed Session . Roll call vote –
66 Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani, Heveran, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes. Resolutions
67 adopted.

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69 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

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71 Adoption of Bond Ordinance 06-05 entitled:

72 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS**
73 **IMPROVEMENTS TO SYLVAN PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**
74 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**
75 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$70,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO**
76 **MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO**
77 **FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE THE ISSUANCE OF**
78 **BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF**
79 **SUCH BONDS.**

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81 Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title
82 Mayor Cherchi gave an overview of the Ordinance
83 Open for public comment- No one spoke
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85 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to
86 adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance 06-05. Roll call vote; Councilperson Dwarica,
87 Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo voted yes. Ordinance 06-05 adopted.

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89 Adoption of Ordinance 07-05 entitled:

90 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 123, SECTION**
91 **32, OF THE LEONIA CODE, ENTITLED “FEES”**
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Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title
Mayor Cherchi gave an overview of the Ordinance
Open for public comment – No one spoke

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt on final reading Ordinance 07-05. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo voted yes. Ordinance 07-05 adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Siren Tower/Cellular Antenna Questions and Response – Borough Administrator reported she is waiting for a response from Judith Bubinski. Councilwoman Heveran asked this be carried over to March 14, 2005

Council President Letter – Borough Attorney David Russo passed out the letter at the meeting. Mayor Cherchi stated this will be carried over until the March 14, 2005 meeting.

Nominee for Director of South East Senior Center – Carried over to the March 14, 2005 meeting.

Jake Brake - Councilman Puzzo reported he was waiting for an answer from Chief Ziegler regarding enforcement issues. Carried over to the March 14, 2005 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ambulance Corps Coverage – Councilwomen Dwarica and Mitrani; There is a problem with day coverage. The problem is not unique to Leonia. It is a problem everywhere. An option maybe to go the way Garfield has gone and hire a paid service for during the day.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No one spoke

CLOSED SESSION (RESOLUTION E)

A motion was made to go into closed session by Councilwoman Dwarica seconded by Councilwoman Mitrani. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to come out of closed session by Councilman Puzzo seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. All in favor; none opposed

A motion was made by Council Dwarica to approve Resolution 05-78 seconded by Council President Ryan. Roll Call Vote; Councilperson Dwarica, Mitrani and Ryan voted yes, Councilpersons Heveran and Puzzo voted yes except for purchase orders 05-00389 and 05-00390. Council members Heveran and Puzzo voted no. Resolution Approved.

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140 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica to
141 adjourn the meeting.

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143 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned
144 at 9:15pm

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146 Respectfully submitted,

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150 Fran Lehmann

151 Borough Clerk